

“Be Me”
Black Alley

Activity Summary



Students watch the video and fill in the missing words.

Associated Video



“About My Instrument” (5’43”)

thelyricsproject.org/package/black-alley

Lesson Plan



1. Print the second page of this activity for all students.
2. Visit thelyricsproject.org/package/black-alley and watch the video “About my Instrument”
3. Watch the video once without filling out the gap-fill exercise.
4. Play the video and tell students to fill in the missing words.
5. Put students into groups of 2-3 to check answers.
6. Project the lyrics gap-fill sheet on the board, and ask students to come to the board to fill in the missing words, or list the numbers on the board and ask students to write the answers for each number.

Less Challenging



Students may need to listen several times depending on level and ability.

Online Tip



This activity can be easily replicated online. Put students into breakout rooms to check their answers in small groups, and ask students to write their answer for each number in the chat box, or by saying the word aloud.

Answer Key

1. dance 2. drummer 3. sound 4. tempo 5. free 6. freedom 7. losing 8. hands 9. watching
10. dancing

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Please watch the video "About my Instrument" and fill in the words in the gaps. You may listen more than once. When you are finished, check your answers with a partner.

Hi everybody, my name is Danny, but everyone calls me "Animal". I am the tempo setter. I am the 1. _____ provoker. I am the party starter. I am the 2. _____ for the band Black Alley, and it is really dope* to be here with you guys for Word Play. For Black Alley, the drums are really the heartbeat of the 3. _____. A big part of our sound is a regional style called Go-go. It really relies heavily on the drums and the percussion. The drums set the 4. _____, drive the sound and get the party started and our song "Be Me" the song starts out focusing primarily on the words and the passion of Kasey's voice. She's telling you about our desire to be 5. _____ and to be ourselves, but the second part of the song that's when I come into play. The song is driven heavily by the drums. The drums are expressing their ecstasy of that 6. _____. If you watch the video, you'll see people jumping in the air and really losing themselves in the moment, 7. _____ themselves in this song and that's what I really try to accomplish every time we play. I want people to let loose, just live in the moment, put their 8. _____ in the air, and just party with me in my band. Dance like nobody is even 9. _____. Once again, I'm Animal and hopefully one day, I'll see you 10. _____ to my beat.

*dope- slang for very good